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BAN ON IMPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Foreign Trade Act in order to restrict the cheap imports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): At present, Central Government is empowered, under Section 3(2) of Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 to impose restrictions on import of goods into India, and also to levy safeguard duties under Customs Tariff Act, 1975. A proposal to amend Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 to provide for specific safeguard measures in the form of Quantitative Restrictions (QRs) to address surge in imports is also under consideration.